

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Bell et al.
Serial No. : 10/700,970
Filed : November 4, 2003
Title : EMBOLIC COMPOSITIONS

Art Unit : 1615
Examiner : Vanik, David L.

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 7, 2006, Applicants traverse.
The restriction is improper for at least the following reasons.

The subject matter covered by the claims in Groups I and II is disclosed in the application as originally filed as being capable of being used together. This is supported by the claims as originally filed, as well as numerous locations elsewhere in the application as originally filed.

Further, the subject matter covered by the claims in Groups III and IV is disclosed in the application as originally filed as being capable of being used together. This is supported by the claims as originally filed, in addition to numerous locations elsewhere in the application as originally filed.

As required, Applicants elect Group I, and further elect substantially free of a concave region as the species for the "first shape", and convex region as the species for the "second shape", for initial examination. Applicants believe this election encompasses claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 14-16, and 18-24.

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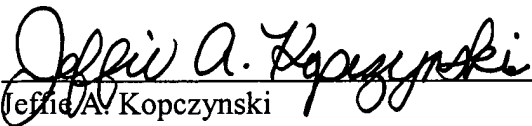
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